



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Hideshi Hattori) METHOD FOR PRODUCING
Serial No. 09/705,027) POLYMER-PARTICLE
COMPOSITES
Filed: November 2, 2000) Attorney Docket: TJK/134
Group Art Unit: 1762
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This response is filed in response to the Office Action issued by the USPTO on August 30, 2002.

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please add claim 23 as follows:

23. (NEW) A method for producing a polymer-particle composite according to Claim 1, wherein the solvent is capable of swelling the polymeric material, and a degree of the swelling is within the range from the degree giving a complete dissolution in the solvent to the degree giving the swelling to a volume twice the initial volume of the polymeric material.

REMARKS

The Office Action notes that claims 1 – 22 are pending in the application. Claims 14 – 20 have been withdrawn due to a restriction requirement. Therefore, claims 1 – 13 and 21 – 22 were considered during the examination. By this amendment, claim 23 has been added and no claims have been amended, therefore, Claims 1 – 13 and 21 – 23 are now under consideration.